

Appleby Archaeology

Notes of the Committee Meeting of the Appleby Archaeology Group held on Tuesday February 1st at White House Brampton. (December meeting cancelled due to bad weather)

Present

Richard Stevens	Chairman
Jen Callis	
Carol Dougherty	Membership Secretary
Martin Joyce	Newsletter Editor
Martin Railton	Field Work/Research
Phyl Rouston	Secretary

Apologies

Tony Greenwood Mike Godfrey

Notes of the last meeting

The notes were agreed a correct record.

1/02/11 Matters arising

4/09/09 Brackenber Research Excavations the results have come through from Suerc. The samples produced calibrated dates (with 95.4% probability) of 800-710BC (or 700-530BC) and 380-180BC. Late Bronze Age and Iron Age. This is a significant result as there are so few confirmed Iron Age sites in Cumbria.

5/09/2010 Nine Kirks Survey. it is hoped to do further survey work when volunteers are available. At the AGM Martin R asked for people to contact him directly if they could help.

10/09/2010 Assets' Register Martin J had compiled a list which is held by the treasurer.

11/09/2010 Google Docs it was agreed committee member should have access. Martin J and Carol would be the only members able to edit the documents. Contact Martin J

2/02/11 Membership

Membership stands at around 60. To date not all members have renewed. It was agreed that they would be reminded at the meeting of the 8th February and if no response Carol would send a reminder at the end of the month.

Carol had been asked by one or two members for a receipt. Previously membership cards had been available at meetings but few of the members had picked them up. It was agreed that Carol should have a compliments slip which could be used as an acknowledgement of payment or to continue with cards as she thought best.

3/02/11 Treasurer's Report

Mike sent a statement of accounts. The current account at 1st February was £1371.80, Since the meeting on 2nd February the invoice for £696 for carbon dating had been received and paid

4/02/11 Research 2011 Roman signal station Appleby golf course

Martin R had met with Paul Frodsham in January. The dates for the excavation will be Saturday 21st to -Sunday 29th May. The project will be open to all members of Appleby Archaeology and the volunteers of Altogether Archaeology Group. Members will have to register with the Altogether Archaeology

The project design will be compiled by Paul with input from Martin. The plan is to excavate three trenches, an L shaped trench and two smaller ones and to do some detailed surveying.

Paul will communicate with those wishing to take part. He plans to give an evening lecture during the ten days. Appleby Archaeology members will be informed via the Newsletter.

5/02/11 Festival of British Archaeology 2011 16th to 24th July

Paul Frodsham had advised Martin R that Altogether Archaeology would be excavating at Alston from 16th to 24th July when they plan to excavate a section across the Roman road as it leaves Whitley Castle Fort

6/02/11 Correspondence

The following have been received:-

Newsletters from Appleby and Westmorland Society, Bulletin of CLHA.

An invitation to take part in the annual Local History Fair at Whitehaven. Phyl to write to decline

We are now on the website of Community Services Age Concern Carlisle

7/02/2011 Programme 2011

Summer

May Sunday 15th Full day guided walk to Nine Standards led by Stephen Walker (Open to Altogether Archaeology)
June Tuesday 21st Evening walk to Gamelands with a visit to the long cairn at Rayseat Pike led by Martin Joyce (
July mid Day trip to Furness Abbey To be investigated by Richard and Martin J

Winter

September Tuesday 13th
October Tuesday 11th *Eric Matthews* Hornby Castle (asked for £30)
November Tuesday 8th *Jamie Lund* Archaeological Landscape Survey of the Sizergh Estate (no fee to our funds)
December Tuesday 13th
January Tuesday 10th 7pm AGM and Members' Evening.
February Tuesday 14th
March Tuesday 7th
April Tuesday 10th

Suggestions and committee member who will contact proposed speakers

Gabriel Blamires Prehistoric Shap ?Sept Phyl
Mark Graham Grampus Heritage Papcastle Excavations 2012 Richard
Judith Clarke Living Among the Monuments ? Sept or Dec Martin R
Paul Frodsham Update on Altogether Archaeology spring 2012 Martin R
Dr Ken Fairless Rock Art 2012 Carol

The possibility of the archaeology of airfields crash sites in Cumbria to be explored Phyl to contact Russel Barnes who spoke in 2006 on 20th century Defences Cumbria,

08/02/2011 Conference 2012

Ideas for topics and a possible chair for the day were discussed. The idea of the theme being the impact of religious beliefs from prehistory to the reformation and later were discussed. Richard will make some informal enquiries .

09/02/2012 AOB

1 CWAAS AGM Richard had received a request from the secretary of CWAAS to give a presentation at their AGM on 9th April 2011 on The Grant-Aided Work of the group i.e. Brackenber Excavations. It was decided to break the presentation into three parts, 2008 season, 2009 season & results. Martin R has all the PP slides that he has used previously and these will be used. Richard will give an introduction and the results, Tony will present 2008. Maureen Moore will be asked if she will talk on 2009. Other committee members hope to attend.

2. Constitution Richard drew the committees attention to Section 5A. *The Officers shall be Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Publicity Officer.* It was agreed that Martin Railton's title should not include the word officer, which the secretary felt she had included, in error, on the agenda of the AGM

3. A V A Issues Martin J had organised the purchase Microsoft Office 2010 upgrade to ensure compatibility with speaker's soft ware.

A bag to carry the screen had been made which Martin had brought to the meeting. It was admired and it was agreed that £35 be given to the maker.

4 Advertising in The Heart of Eden. This newsletter is sent to all parishioners in the Appleby area and advertises most local events. The group has advertised in the past. Richard to contact Tony to reinstate this.

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Date and time of next meeti Tuesday April 5th at Northgate Milburn at 7.30pm

PHR 8th February 2011